UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JAMES EASTMAN, On Behalf of Himself and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., E. STANLEY O'NEAL, LOUIS DIMARIA, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, AULANA L. PETERS, CHARLES O ROSSOTTI, JILL K. CONWAY, CAROL T. CHRIST, JUDITH MAYHEW JONAS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, ANN N. REESE, DAVID K. NEWBIGGING, THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH 401(K) SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN, and JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 08-CV-0058 (LBS)

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PLAINTIFF JAMES EASTMAN'S SUBMISSION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM LEAD COUNSEL FOR THE CLASS

ELIZABETH ESTEY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No. 07-CV-10268 (LBS)

Plaintiff.

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., E. STANLEY O'NEAL, CAROL T. CHRIST, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JILL K. CONWAY, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, JUDITH MAYHEW JONAS, DAVID K. NEWBIGGING, AULANA L. PETERS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, ANN N. REESE, CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI, LOUIS DIMARIA, PETER STINGI and JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

MARY GIDARO, individually and on behalf of all: others similarly situated, :

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., STAN O'NEAL, LOU DIMARIA, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN; ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN and JOHN DOES 1-30,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 07-CV-10273 (LBS)

TARA MOORE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No. 07-CV-10398 (LBS)

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. PLAN "INVESTMENT COMMITTEE," MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, LOUIS DIMARIA, E. STANLEY O'NEAL, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, AULANA L. PETERS, and JOHN DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

GREGORY YASHGUR, individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC.,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS
AND INVESTMENT PLAN, JOHN D.
FINNEGAN, JUDITH JONAS MAYHEW,
AULANA L. PETERS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER,
ANN N. REESE, CHARLES O. ROSSITTI,
LOUIS DIMARIA, STAN O'NEAL, ALBERTO
CRIBIORE, CAROL T. CHRIST, ARMANDO M.
CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT and JOHN
DOES,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 07-CV-10569 (LBS)

CHRISTINE DONLON, On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Civil Action No. 07-CV-10661 (LBS)

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., E. STANLEY O'NEAL, CAROL T. CHRIST, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JILL K. CONWAY, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, LOUIS DIMARIA, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, JUDITH MAYHEW JONAS, AULANA L. PETERS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, ANN N. REESE, CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI, JOHN DOES 1-20 (BEING CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN) and JOHN DOES 21-40 (BEING CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN),

Defendants.

CARL ESPOSITIO, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., E. STANLEY O'NEAL, CAROL T. CHRIST, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JILL K. CONWAY, ALBERTO BRIBIORE, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, JUDITH MAYHEW JONAS, DAVID K. NEWBIGGING, AULANA L. PETERS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, ANN N. REESE, CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI, LOUIS DIMARIA, PETER STINGI, and JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 07-CV-10687 (LBS)

SEAN SHAUGHNESSEY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No.: 07-CV-10710 (LBS)

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE MERRILL LYNCH TRUST COMPANY, FSB, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. 401K SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN, LOUIS DIMARIA, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, AULANA L. PETERS, and JOHN DOES 1-40,

Defendants.

BARBARA BOLAND, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., E. STANLEY O'NEAL, CAROL T. CHRIST, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JILL K. CONWAY, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, JUDITH MAYHEW JONAS, DAVID K. NEWBIGGING, AULANA L. PETERS, JOSEPH W. PRUEHER, ANN N. REESE, CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI, and JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 07-CV-11054 (LBS)

FRANCIS LEE SUMMERS, III, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Civil Action No. 07-CV-11615 (LBS)

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., STAN O'NEAL; LOU DIMARIA; INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN; ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN; and JOHN DOES 1-30

Defendants.

DOMINICK J. PASCULLO and RAYMOND GONZALES, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. PLAN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC. MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE, LOUIS DIMARIA, E. STANLEY O'NEAL, ALBERTO CRIBIORE, ARMANDO M. CODINA, VIRGIS W. COLBERT, JOHN D. FINNEGAN, AULANA L. PETERS and JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 08-CV-1116 (UA)

Plaintiff, James Eastman, by his undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this response regarding the appointment of interim lead plaintiffs and interim co-lead counsel.

Plaintiff Eastman strongly supports the applications of Shalov Stone Bonner & Rocco LLP and Harwood Feffer, LLP, and their clients, in the above-captioned ERISA actions, including but not limited to, the application entitled Plaintiffs Gidaro and Donlon's Joint Amended Motion for Entry of [Proposed] Pretrial Order No. 1 Consolidating the ERISA Actions and Appointing Interim Lead Plaintiffs and Interim Lead Counsel.

Plaintiff Eastman believes that the interests of the putative class are best represented in this instance by all counsel working cooperatively under the leadership of these two firms.

Dated: February 11, 2008

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I, Sara Fuks, an associate with the law firm Milberg Weiss LLP, hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of Plaintiff James Eastman's Submission Regarding the Appointment of Interim Lead Counsel for the Class to be served with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of filing to the CM/ECF participants listed on the attached Service List, and caused all counsel listed on the Service List to be served by regular U.S. Mail on this 11th day of February 2008:

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